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1. SUMMARY: AT MEETING BETWEEN US AND SOVIET MISOFFS 10/11 REQUESTED BY LATTER, TOPIC DISCUSSED INCLUDED UK PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PNE COMMITTEE (REPORTED SEPARATELY), IMPROVEMENT OF SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES, STATUS OF ARGENTINE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND NEW INITIATIVES SUGGESTED BY AEC CHAIRMAN RAY AT SEPTEMBER GENERAL CONFERENCE, INCLUDING POSSIBLE INTERNATIONALIZATION CERTAIN NUCLEAR FACILITIES.
END SUMMARY.

2. SAFEGUARDS: SOVIET MISOFF (ANTIASOV) SAID HE HAD A WEEK EARLIER DISCUSSED WITH ROMETSCH SUBJECT OF IMPROVING SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES IN NON-NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS, A TOPIC WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED EARLIER BY AMBASSADOR ARKADIEV AND BY MOROKHOV. ROMETSCH, IN REPLY HAD ALLUDED TO AMBASSADOR TAPE'S LETTER TO DG ASKING FOR CONSULTATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS UNDER US TRILATERALS STILL IN FORCE AND OBSERVED THAT
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BOTH SOVIET AND US PROPOSALS SEEMED TO CONVERGE TOWARD

SAME RESULT. MISOFFS PROVIDED ANTIASOV WITH COPY OF OCTOBER 1 LETTER.

3. ASKED WHAT IAEA RESPONSE MIGHT BE TO TAPE LETTER, US MISOFF REPLIED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FORESEE PRECISE NATURE OF AGENCY RESPONSE, AND THAT ROMETSCH WOULD DOUBTLESS HAVE TO HAVE READING FROM LEGAL DIVISION OF SECRETARIAT BEFORE CONSULTATIONS. QUERIED FURTHER BY ANTIASOV AS TO WHAT MIGHT EVOLVE AS RESULT RESPECTIVE US AND USSR APPROACHES, MISOFF REFERRED TO "TECHNICAL SAFEGUARDS COMMITTEE" CONCEPT BEING PEDDLED TO SEVERAL MISSIONS BY JAPANESE MISSION AND TO ROMETSCH'S OWN APPROACH (REFTEL) WHICH WOULD UTILIZE SMALL GROUP OF ELITE SAFEGUARDS EXPERTS INITIALLY CALLED TOGETHER TO ADDRESS STANDARDIZATION OF SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS, BUT WHOSE FUNCTION MIGHT BE BROADENED AS TIME WENT ON. SOVMISSOFF EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST.

4. ARGENTINA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT: ANTIASOV ASKED FOR UPDATING ON THIS SUBJECT AND WAS TOLD THAT CANADIAN MISSION HAD REPORTEDLY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO REJECT NEW DRAFT OF ARTICLE 26 PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT ON BOTH LEGAL AND TECHNICAL GROUNDS. MISOFF PASSED ALONG STATEMENT OF CANADIAN MISOFF (HAMMOND) THAT EVEN IF SUCH DRAFT WAS APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CANADA WOULD NOT RPT NOT SELL REACTOR UNDER THESE CONDITIONS. DURATION-TERMINATION PROVISIONS OF GOV/1621 WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARLY MET. PROBABLE NEXT MOVE WAS SUBMISSION TO DG OF COUNTER PROPOSAL BY CANADA WITH SUPPORT OF OTHER SUPPLIERS.

5. US INITIATIVES: TURNING TO AEC CHAIRMAN RAY'S SPEECH AT GENERAL CONFERENCE, ANTIASOV OBSERVED THAT CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF SPEECH, PARTICULARLY THOSE SUGGESTING INTERNATIONAL OPERATION OF SOME NUCLEAR FACILITIES, DESERVED PROFOUND THOUGHT. MISOFF OUTLINED VARIOUS AREAS IN WHICH INTERNATIONAL OR MULTINATIONAL OPERATION COULD BE HIGHLY BENEFICIAL; E.G., REPROCESSING PLANTS. MANAGEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES WAS ALSO AN ACTIVITY WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE HANDLED BEST UNDER INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM. GENERAL DISCUSSION (LIMITED BY MISOFFS LACK OF DETAILED CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION) FOLLOWED ON WHAT TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO COVER, FOR EXAMPLE, PROBLEM OF SAFE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, RECOVERY OF STOLEN NUCLEAR MATERIALS, ETC. MISOFF ALLUDED TO NEW INITIATIVES CITED IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UNGA SPEECH AND NOTED THAT WE HOPED TO HAVE DETAILS ON THEM BEFORE END OF YEAR. PORTER

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